



## DRAFTING REQUEST FORM

TWENTY-EIGHT LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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FROM: SENATOR Wayne A. G. James SIGNATURE Wayne A. G. JamesDATE: 4/22/09

## I REQUEST A DRAFT FOR:

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| OR DOCUMENT                                |                                       |   |

**NOTE:** In the space provided below, or on an attached sheet if needed, give the details of your request. A bill to honor someone, enclose a biography. For a bill or an amendment involving a parcel of land, include the plot number, acreage and the Public Works Department Map number. For an appropriation, clearly state the amount and the funding source. For an amendment, identify the bill to be amended. For an employment contract, complete a Contract for Employment form and attach it to the drafting request. For a legal opinion, please indicate as specifically as possible the legal question to be addressed.

## FOR BILLS:

1. Chapter or Section of Code/Act/Bill to be amended

An Act amending Title 1 Virgin Islands Code,

Chapter 11, Section 171 to recognize October 1, each year as an official Virgin Islands holiday.

2. Purpose or intent of request

To recognize October 1, also known as Contract Day or 1878 Fireburn Day as an official Virgin Islands holiday

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October 1, 1878 is one of the Territory's most historic event, which was as a natural consequence of 1848 Emancipation. The event chronicled the history of resistance which was led by four heroic women as Mary "Queen Mary" Thomas, (b) Mathilde "Queen Mathilde" McBean, (c) Susanna "Bottom Belly" Abrahamson, (d) Aveline "Queen Agnes" Solomon.

3. Details of Request, including the problems to be solved and how the measure will be implemented and enforced, if applicable (attach additional sheets, if necessary), the funding source of any appropriation, effective date or duration of the measure

To celebrate October 1, each year as a Key Virgin Islands national holiday, and to organize ceremonies appropriate for the occasion. The event planning team shall include representatives from V.I. Departments of Education, Tourism, V.I. Cultural Heritage Institute, noted V.I. historians, high school and UVI College students.

4. Anticipated date of Introduction

Effective immediately after <sup>legal drafting is</sup> ~~the passage of the~~ enabling legislation completed.

5. Name and phone # of person to contact for details and to answer any questions

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May 6, 2009

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Wayne A.G. James  
Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**FROM:** Cecil Farrell  
Researcher

**THRU:** Yvonne L. Tharpes  
Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

**RE:** BR09-0601 (An Act amending Title 1 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 2  
Section 171 to recognize October 1, each year as an official Virgin Islands  
Holiday)

This is to advise you that the following bill drafting request was earlier submitted by another Senator, and cannot be drafted on your behalf. Consequently your request has been retired and the file closed as of the date of this memorandum.

If you have any questions with respect to the information contained herein, you may contact me.

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